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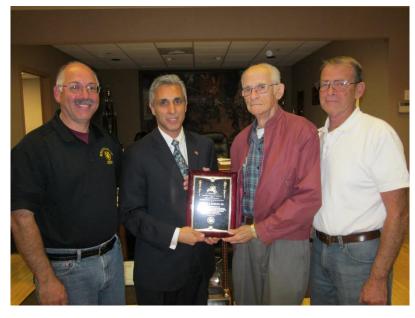
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## Dedicated Melville Fire Department Member Receives Prestigious NYS Lifetime Achievement Award



Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station), second from left, helps present the New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association Lifetime Achievement Award to Melville Fire Department Captain Robert J. Earley. Joining him in honoring Captain Earley are, far left, First Assistant Chief Michael Carrieri and, far right, Second Assistant Chief Michael McKeefery.

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... December 5, 2011) – Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) recently joined Melville Volunteer Fire Department members as they honored Robert J. Earley, Captain of the Melville Fire Department Fire Police Squad, for

receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association. The prestigious award, which has only four prior recipients, recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, dedication and service.

A 49-year active member of the Melville Volunteer Fire Department, Captain Earley responds to more than 500 alarms per year. He regularly attends conferences to stay current on new fire codes and reviews all construction plans for the Melville Fire Department. A former Melville Fire Marshall and retired Town of Huntington Fire Marshall, Captain Earley was previously selected by Legislator D'Amaro as the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District's 2009 Volunteer Firefighter/EMS Worker of the Year.

"I am proud to stand alongside the Melville Fire Department and present Captain Robert Earley with this well-deserved award," D'Amaro said. "He is an inspiring individual who has spent a lifetime giving back. I join the entire community in saying, 'Congratulations, Captain!"

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